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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 27, 1998, Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the following amendments and remarks.

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

44. (Amended) A method of cleaving a target RNA molecule comprising the step of providing said target RNA molecule with a catalytic RNA molecule under conditions suitable for said catalytic RNA molecule to cleave said target RNA molecule, wherein said catalytic RNA molecule comprises at least one modified nucleoside, said modified nucleoside comprising a

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